



Mauritius National Assembly

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ANNOUNCEMENT

NOTICE OF PARLIAMENTARY QUESTIONS – PRESS ARTICLES

Mr Speaker: Hon. Members, recently, some Press articles have been making reference to difficulties being allegedly faced by hon. Members in regard to the manner in which notices of Parliamentary Questions are being received by the Clerk and the way same are being treated prior to same finding the order in which they appear on the notice of question on the Parliamentary Sitting day for reply within the time set for Question Time by the Standing Orders. The overall resulting impression is that the times available to the Members are being limited on purpose. I wish to remind the House that, whilst the procedure of giving notice to PQs stands governed by Standing Order 24, the internal arrangement at the Clerk's Office is purely an administrative matter.

Moreover, I wish to inform the House that the matter had been thrashed out by both Whips of the House at some point in time. However, since it appears that hon. Members have issues with the way the whole exercise is being carried out, I invite the Whips to meet the Clerk in her Office to thrash out the issue anew.

I thank you for your attention.